

Purpose and Scope of the Second Conference

The Legacy of the International Criminal Tribunal for Rwanda (ICTR) was the major focus of the First International Conference organized by ICTR defense counsel on November 14-15, 2009 at The Hague. The ICTR experience has shown that an international court can emanate from a highly political, diplomatic body, such as the UN Security Council, but the legitimacy of such tribunals is open to criticism as being the product of "victor's justice," rather than a foundation for even-handed international justice.

However, the experience of the ad hoc UN Security Council Tribunals, ICTR and ICTY, also provides a framework for considering the challenge of establishing international criminal law concepts and institutions that are not governed by political considerations, or the interests of more powerful states. As the Ad Hoc UN Tribunals come to a close, ICTY and ICTR detainees are facing years of imprisonment without the benefit of continuing legal representation or well-recognized institutions to address issues related to confinement and revision of cases. The International Criminal Court has begun its operations, but the African Union has unanimously resolved not to cooperate with the I.C.C. because all accused have been involved in African conflicts, thus far.

To reflect on these issues and prospects for the future of International Criminal Law, lawyers, law professors, scholars, historians, journalists, and other professionals, with a view from the defense perspective, are invited to electronically submit abstracts/or summaries of maximum 300 words by April 1, 2010. Accepted papers are limited to 15 pages (3,000 words) and must be submitted electronically by May 10, 2010 to be included in Conference folder. Presentations will be limited to ten minutes.

Please submit suggested papers/themes/abstracts via e-mail to Me Andre Tremblay, agtremblay@videotron.ca; with copies to other members of the Ad Hoc Organizing Committee: John Philipot, john.philipot.com; Beth Lyons, bethlyons@aol.com; Ken Ogetto, kenogetto@yahoo.co.uk; and Peter Erlinder, peter.erlinder@wmitchell.edu.

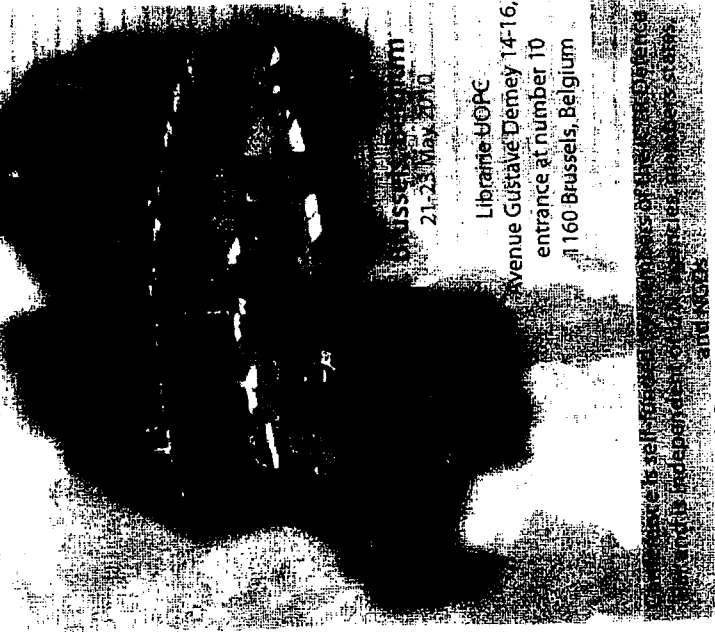
Proposals for papers must include the name of the author, his/her affiliation, e-mail address and mail address. We encourage a broad participation by international criminal defense-oriented participants, with an approach that is strictly professional, academic and scientific.

Attendance at this scientific conference is mainly by invitation of the Ad Hoc Organizing Committee and includes approved presenters, degreed university graduates in law, social/political issues, history, accepted guests and family members. The November 2009 Hague Conference was approved for continuing professional education by Quebec Bar Association, Montreal, Canada.

See the
Ad Hoc Organizing Committee website at
www.ictj.org/ahoc/ahocpaperspective.org/ahoc.html

The Second International Criminal Defense Conference:

"Lessons from the Defense at the Ad Hoc UN Tribunals, and Prospects for International Justice at the ICC"



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Presenters and topics

<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Father Serge Desauter, <i>Les non-dits de l'histoire. Obstacles à une réconciliation</i> • Michael Hourigan, <i>former Prosecution Investigator for the ICTR</i> • André Tremblay, <i>The Search for Truth : What can we do?</i> • Pierre Péan • Jordi Pabou Loverdos • Juan Carro Saralegui, <i>Former candidate for 2000 Nobel Peace Prize</i> • Bernard Lugan, <i>Le refus par le procureur de tenir compte de l'évolution des connaissances</i> • Ramsey Clark (former Attorney General of the United States) • Helmut Strizek, <i>Quelques remarques sur le livre "Rwanda. De la guerre au Génocide" d'André GUICHAOUA</i> • Col Luc Marchal (UNAMIR), <i>Une certaine justice internationale en cause</i> • Christiaan De Beule (SOS Rwanda) • Stéphane Bourgon • Joseph Matata • Jean Flamme • Peter Erlinder <i>Forward a Resolution of the International Criminal Court's Apparently-Unsolvable Jurisdictional Dilemma</i> • Charles Taku, <i>Rwanda Gacaca Courts: the Meaning Of Confession and Punishment</i> • Peter Verlinden, <i>Media and Justice</i> • Filip Reyntjens, <i>Prosecutorial policies in the ICTR: Ensuring Impunity for the victors</i> • Philippe Melhac (attorney for Mme Agathe Kanungu), <i>Les poursuites en France contre les personnes suspectées de génocide</i> • Jean Marie Vianney Ndagijimana, <i>Le bilan du TPFR et ses conséquences sur la police civile au Rwanda dans le contexte de la stratégie d'achèvement décidée par le Conseil de sécurité</i> 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • ICTR Detainees, <i>Critique of the Mutizwa Report</i> • Roland Weyl, <i>General Problems of International Justice</i> • Gaspard Musabyimana, <i>L'usage abusif de la notion de "conseil judiciaire" par le TPFR: le cas du conflit non-international du conflit rwandais.</i> • John Philpot and Ntarecha Abingeneze, <i>"Insider" witnesses and Prosecutorial Policy: the Case of Juvenal Uwilingiyimana</i> • Prof Alexander Zahar • Allison Turner • Alia Aoun • Jean Paul Puts • Carmelle Marchessault • Olivier Nyirubugwa, <i>Justice and collective memory: When the court says what to remember</i> • Seydou Dounbia, Beth Lyons, John Philpot, <i>Rights of ICTR detainees and Representations before the ICTR</i> • Obachi B'Omanwa, <i>Prison and early release: Representations before the ICTR</i> • Kennedy Ogetta, <i>Review procedures and Representations before the ICTR</i> • Prof. Harris Koechler • Sandrine Gallot • Michélyne St Laurent • Mylene Dimitri • Lennox Hinds • Cynthia Cline and Tom Moran
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Draft Agenda

Friday afternoon and evening, 21 May 2010: Registration.
Friday 21 May 2010: Book Fair on Rwanda

Saturday 22 May

09h00-12h30: -The Search for Truth
 13h30-15h00: -Workshop on Right of ICTR detainees
 -Post Conviction Remedies and post acquittal Remedies
 -Conditions of detention of convicted persons and the Responsibility of the ICTR
 15h30- 17h30:-National Jurisdictions and the Situation of Mrs Agathe Kanziga

Sunday 23 May

09h00-12h30: -Lessons from the ad hoc Tribunals and the Future of international Law
 13h30-16h30: -Legacy
 -Residual Institutions
 -Justice and collective memory
 -The Media and Justice

HOTEL:
 One block of rooms has been reserved at
 Hotel Manos Stephanie (four stars),
 Chaussée de Charleroi 28, Brussels, B-1060
 Tel: +32 2 539 02 50;
 Email: stay@manosstephanie.com.

95 Euros per night (21, 22, 23 May 2010)

Participants make their own reservations mentioning 'ICTR-TPIR Defense Conference'

REGISTRATION FEE:
 125 Euros/175 USD for Conference only, (50 Euros for students and family members)
 INCLUDES:
 Friday 21 May p.m. and eve: Registration and Book Fair;
 Saturday/Sunday: 22, 23 May Program;
 Cash Bar Reception

INSCRIPTION/ REGISTRATION:

Please register soon. We are limited to 230 places.
 All registrations must be sent to three email addresses, namely:
 john@johnphilpot.com, jphilpot@videotron.ca and christiaan.debeule@skynet.be
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<p>By bank transfer to : Name: DE BEULE C. (DEF.CONF.-ICTR) Numéro IBAN : BE34 1236 1027 1290 Code BIC : OBK3BE99 Bank : OBK Leuven Diestsesteenweg 723 B 3010 Leuven - Kessel-Lo</p>	<p>Or by Western Union to John Philpot, Montreal, Canada with your Western Union Number and the amount of payment. John Philpot can be reached at Tel: 1 514 272 9150 & Fax: 1 514 844 4937 E-mail: john@johnphilpot.com jphilpot@videotron.ca</p>
<p>The conference has a designated USD bank account in Canada in the name of John Philpot. All registration must include: Full name, address, phone number and email with your qualifications and interest. If you don't have a university degree, indicate your qualifications or interests to register.</p>	

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